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X1 MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Chairman, SWS Study Group

Attached are approved terms of reference for the study the Warning Working Group has asked you to undertake. You should, of course, feel free to contact the concerned organizations for information, including the Strategic Warning Staff. The Working Group would like a report by 15 December 1978.

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Richard Lehman
Chairman, Warning Working Group

Attachment

X1 cc: Working Group Members

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DRAFT OUTLINE FOR SWS OVERVIEW

I. Role of the SWS. Is it:

- A. Managerial...policy/process/coordination?
- B. Substantive?
 - 1. "Big W" or "Little W" or both?
 - 2. Military or political/economic or both?
 - 3. Long-term or current or both?
- C. Managerial and substantive?
- D. None?

Note: The discussion in Section I should address the possible relationship between SWS and a future operational WISP. (One could envisage a need for a "national" node in such a system.) Should any final decision on SWS be postponed until WISP is further along? If so, what should be the interim role of SWS? It should also address the relationship of the SWS to any staff support established for NIO/W and/or the Warning Working Group.

II. Once their role is established, how should their warning function be defined, assuming they have one?

III. Where in the National Warning System do they fit?

- A. Under NIO/W?
- B. Under Warning Working Group?
- C. Other?

IV. What should be the relationship of SWS and the NIO/USSR-EE, NIO/SP, NIO/CF, NIO/Warning and crisis management (and perhaps others)?

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V. Alternatives and recommendations to include:

- A. Staffing implications
- B. Location alternatives
- C. Cost considerations